

Priority Problems List (Continued)

4. Teen Pregnancy (67 points)

- ❑ The Teen Pregnancy rate is 36%-40%-34% below the state rate respectively during the 1992-1994, 1993-1995, and 1994-1996 timeframe. (Source: Health Statistics and Information, TDH)
- ❑ The Percent of Births with Adolescent (10-17) Mothers is 26% below the state in 1993-1995 and 1994-1996. (Source: Health Statistics and Information, TDH)

5. Cancer (71 points)

- ❑ Lung Cancer (death rate) unstable—Changed from 6% above to 3% below TN between 1993-1995 (average 14 deaths annually) and 1994-1996 (average 14 deaths annually).
- ❑ Cancer Incidence Rate (all sites) is elevated 8% above TN in *1993 (Lung =10% above, Female Breast = 6% above, Prostate = 17% above, Bladder = 93% above TN)
* Most current data available from Vital Statistics, TDH
- ❑ An estimated 54% of adult residents considered themselves a “smoker” at some time. (1997 BRFSS) Currently, it is estimated that 32.5% of residents are smokers. Male smokers represent 31.6% and female smokers represent 33.3% of the survey population. It is estimated 26.5% of Tennesseans smoke cigarettes

6. Child Abuse & Neglect (71 points)

- ❑ The Child Abuse & Neglect rate is 24% and 94% above the state rate respectively during 1994 and 1995. (Source: Kids Count)
- ❑ Children Entering State Custody are 20% and 37% above the state rate respectively during the 1993-1995 and 1994-1996 timeframe. (Source: Health Statistics and Information, TDH)

7. Limited Childcare Services (82 points)

- ❑ The Unemployment rate (July 1998) is 3.2%-3.6% above the U.S. and State rate respectively. (Source: Department of Employment Security)
- ❑ The Child Abuse & Neglect rate is 24% and 94% above the State rate during 1994 and 1995 respectively. (Source: Kids Count)
- ❑ According to local providers, long waiting lists exist for parents seeking access to current childcare services.

8. Suicide (88 points)

- ❑ The Suicide rate is 56% and 41% above the state rate respectively during the 1993-1995 and 1994-1996 timeframe. (Source: Health Statistics and Information, TDH)
- ❑ 9% (94 students) of 7th-12th graders report thinking often or a lot about committing “suicide” (Source: The 1998 Humphreys County Pride Survey)